

The Chair, Lloyd Sullivan at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included Jenifer Landman (Selectman) and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator). Jack Steiner was absent and on vacation.

Questions & Comments

Ms. Landman introduced 13-year-old Mr. Zack Coburn to those present. Ms. Landman explained that 'Zack' had just won a worldwide web site creation competition sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. First prize was \$2,500 dollars and the competition included all age groups from across the globe. Congratulations from all present were extended to 'Zack' and his parents. Everyone agreed that 'Zack' added luster to North Hampton.

Mr. Arena asked about the status of the communication tower. Mr. Sullivan noted that the Board was scheduled to meet with American Tower and discuss right of way negotiations with a property owner.

Mr. Larry Miller commented that the recent newspaper article concerning *e. coli* contamination of surface water was old information. Officials had previously known about the problem. Mr. Miller noted that it was an enforcement issue. Mr. Mixter commented that previous tests indicated elevated levels but that it was unclear whether the *e. coli* contamination was human or animal.

Planning Board Issue

Peter Simmons

Mr. Simmons addressed the Board concerning a recent quandary he found himself in when applying for a lot line adjustment for his property. He noted that several people recused themselves from the decision making because of conflicts of interest. Mr. Simmons complained that Ms. Landman had left the meeting due to illness, which left the planning board without a quorum. Therefore, no decision could be made concerning his application. Mr. Simmons felt this situation unfair to him as an applicant. Mr. Simmons asked that the Board appoint another alternate to fill in for the *ex-officio* should Ms. Landman not be present. Ms. Landman did acknowledge that she was indeed ill and had left the meeting, but that there was an existing alternate to sit on behalf of the *ex-officio* member. Mr. Simmons asked that the BoS appoint an additional alternate for the Selectman Ex Officio. Mrs. Landman stated that the law only allows for one alternate, who is Phil Wilson; however, the law does allow for more Planning Board alternates than the current two, and suggested that he make his request for additional PB alternates directly to the PB. It was noted that the lack of a quorum was very unusual and unlikely to occur again. Mr. Simmons was assured that there would be someone to represent the *ex-officio* member should that member be ill at a future meeting.

Birch Road Signage

Laura Simmons

Mr. Paul Marston addressed the Board on behalf of Ms. Simmons (Planning Board Chair). Mr. Marston explained that Ms. Simmons was ill and could not make the evening's meeting. Mr. Marston noted that the Planning Board approval for the Seacoast Indoor Tennis Club expansion plans called for additional 'No Parking' signs. Mr. Marston noted that the tennis club was willing to pay for the signs. Mr. Strout commented that the cost of the signs was approximately \$15 per sign. Mr. Robinson asked what good the signs will do if there is not adequate enforcement by the Police Department. Mr. Strout explained that additional signage requires a recommendation by the Police Department. The Board then holds three meetings to receive public comment prior to approval of the installation of the signs. This process, explained Mr. Strout, followed state statute which then allowed the police department to issue tickets and enforce the new signage.

Mr. Marston next asked for clarification regarding planning board use of legal counsel and choice of legal counsel. Mr. Sullivan explained that the planning board was free to use an attorney of their choosing for several hours of training and that normal representation would remain with current town counsel.

Selectmen Issues

Coalition Community Participation

The Board reviewed the status of the coalition community participation. Mr. Sullivan noted that a point of contact person would be helpful. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to appoint Joe Arena for a six-month term. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Update of Route 1 Sewer Study

Mr. Sullivan began a discussion concerning an update of the old sewer feasibility study. Mr. Sullivan noted that he was interested in only looking at conditions along Route 1 particularly in light of the recent *e coli* findings. A vigorous discussion ensued wherein it was debated that any installation of sewer would compromise the Town's zoning ordinances. It was pointed out that current-zoning ordinances allowed multi-family dwellings in the IB/R zone so long as there is one acre of land for each unit. Sewer lines cannot change zoning ordinances, only a vote at Town meeting can change zoning ordinances. Mrs. Landman stated that the RPC indicated that a sewer would allow for high-density housing because the requirement for acreage/per dwelling, as needed for septic systems, would be eliminated by a sewer system. Some in the audience noted that baseline environmental data was required prior to any decision. Vigorous debate continued and ended without decision concerning the update of the sewer study.

Citizens Petition for Ordinance Change

Mr. Anthony Simmons spoke to the possibility of an adult bookstore locating on the site of the old bowling alley. Mr. Simmons made mention that he was requesting to be placed on the planning board agenda to discuss the introduction of a new ordinance relating to the issue. The Board voiced their concern regarding the location of adult bookstore businesses particularly the potential for its location near churches, schools and other places where children congregated. The Board encouraged Mr. Simmons to continue his efforts on the issue.

North Hampton forever

Mr. Henry Mixter addressed the Board by presenting them with a budget of \$180,000 for the North Hampton forever committee for the next two years which is part of the overall four million dollar debt issue approved at last year's Town Meeting.. The budget contained money for legal costs, surveying, marketing materials and office supplies for a three-year period. Mr. Mixter noted that the members of North Hampton *forever* put a lot of work into the budget. The proceeds of the BAN's (Bond Anticipation Notes) would be used to cover the costs of the budget. Ms. Landman made the motion to approve the budget submitted by the North Hampton *forever* committee. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Administration/Business

Mr. Steiner's absence at the evening's meeting rendered approval of the meeting minutes of June 26th impossible due to Ms. Landman's absence at the June 26th meeting.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Payroll
- b. Manifest

- c. CDBG Manifests
- d. Current Use Penalty (Glenn Martin)
- e. Veteran's Exemption - James Booth
- f. Abatement request - Ed Jewel (Not approved)
- g. Appointments Barbara Hobby (Heritage Commission) Phil Wilson (NH Forever)
- h. Auditor's Letter
- i. [Increase in Abutter Fees \(from \\$4 to \\$6 due to increases in postage\).](#)

The TA briefed the Board on the Planning Board request for an increase in the abutter fees from \$4 to \$6 dollars. It was noted that postal increases and labor costs were primary considerations for the requested increase. Mr. Don Gould also noted that a check of surrounding towns abutter fees was done and that despite the increase were still lower than other towns and had remained so for many years. Ms. Landman made the motion to increase the abutter fees from \$4 to \$6. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- j. FD Testimonial
- k. [Comstar Agreement](#)

Mr. Thomas Lambert (Fire Chief) briefed the Board on the ambulance billing service provided by Comstar. He noted that past billing practices were cumbersome and often resulted in delays in processing. A previous concern in billing practices involved charging residents a different rate than other users of the service. Under current Medicare rules such billing practices are unlawful and have been changed. Comstar provides the billing and collection for ambulance services and is paid 7% of all fees collected for their service. The ambulance fees received by the Fire & Rescue service are approximately \$32,000 to \$35,000 annually. That amount is placed into a capital reserve account (voted at Town Meeting as a warrant article) and used for the replacement of fire & rescue equipment. The Board thanked Mr. Lambert for his work.

- l. [Mosquito Program Update](#) [†]
- m. Architectural Services Bid Update
- n. Executive Council Newsletter
- o. Nursing Home Admissions Pending
- p. DOT - Driveway Permit (Ken Adams / 51 Winnicut Road)

[Adjournment](#)

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10pm. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to convene in Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

[†] Michael Morrison's mosquito program update is appended to the minutes.

2001 NORTH HAMPTON MOSQUITO CONTROL UPDATE- JULY 23, 2001

MOSQUITO COLLECTION AND SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

Aedes japonicus- New Hampshire has a new mosquito- *Aedes japonicus*, the Asian Bush Mosquito. Dr. Burger, world-renowned biting fly entomologist, collected this new mosquito three weeks ago as larvae in tires in Durham. He has since warned health officials and mosquito control personnel that this mosquito has probably been here for four to five years. This mosquito is an excellent vector for West Nile Virus, even more so than our native mosquitoes.

SURVEY LOGISTICS- Drop off technicians with cell phones and collection equipment for surveying marshes and swamps. Pick up at end of day and transport specimens and data to field office. Utilize 20- 25 hours per week for microscopic identification of samples and rearing of mosquito larvae to later stages for easier identification.

BREEDING AREA MAP- In progress. Will be presented this fall to Board of Selectmen. Many specimens preserved for identification.

RED MAPLE SWAMPS AND WOODLAND POOLS- the most common wetland type in North Hampton. This spring, the red maple swamps were very dry with low water tables and little mosquito breeding habitat. Large red maple swamps are found associated with the Winnicut River watershed, off South Road (Line Swamp), off Mill Road and along the upper reaches of the Little River. The deeper portions do not appear capable of mosquito breeding due depth and presence of predators.

STORMWATER BASINS- Larvae found but thundershower pools very shallow and prone to drying.

FLOODWATERS- Flooded pastures and turf areas did not hold water long enough for mosquito emergence

CONTAINER HABITATS- Uncommon in North Hampton but larvae found in discarded tires and roadside debris.

SALTMARSHES- Although not part of our program in North Hampton, I have surveyed mosquito breeding in the recently restored Little River saltmarsh. As you know, this was a stormwater project and very little attention was given to mosquito control techniques. The restoration project looks great but as I expected mosquito breeding is astronomical. This marsh was a problem before restoration and continues to be a major mosquito-breeding habitat. The red maple swamp to the extreme west has died due to the increased amount of salt water entering this wetland. That is beneficial, as the old saltmarsh is returning to life. Unfortunately, saltmarsh mosquitoes are now breeding in this area. Clearly this wetland has much more mosquito-breeding habitat than during pre- restoration. The number of adult mosquitoes biting during my visits to the Little River saltmarsh is unrivaled on any saltmarsh I have ever visited.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PERMIT

In place. Emergency street spraying activities allowed by permit.

LARVICIDING

The woods and red maple swamps were very dry this April and early May. The heavy snow accumulation of the 2001-2 winter melted quickly and the water table was unusually low due to minimal rainfall. Mosquitoes that normally develop in large numbers in the spring had little water habitat and hence

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larviciding was minimal. This is the third season in a row that we have had very dry springs and resultant low water tables.

Frequent thundershowers have been the norm during June and July. We have surveyed rainwater pools and found that, as a rule, the resulting mosquito breeding dried up before development was possible. Rainwater pools have to hold water for seven to ten days for mosquitoes development to be completed.

ADULTICIDING (TRUCK SPRAYING)

No adulticiding is planned but should a West Nile Virus threat occur it is allowed by the NH Pesticide Control Board under North Hampton's Special Permit. Very few communities in New Hampshire have this ability for immediate response. My company has five of the seven ULV sprayers available in NH and would be able to immediately respond to North Hampton.

WEST NILE VIRUS

To date, there has been no presence of WNV in New Hampshire in dead bird evaluations or in mosquito collections. Many birds have been tested at the state labs in Concord. A dead crow tested positive in Andover, Mass last week. If WNV occurs in New Hampshire I would suspect it to be detected in August, September or early October.

Michael Morrison, Entomologist